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REFERENCE: BERLINS 728 TO DEPT AND DEPTTEL 1928

DESPITE DEPTS APPROVAL OF ACTION SUMMARIZED USCINCEURS EC 9-964, I WOULD LIKE PRESENT FOLLOWING COMMENTS, BASED ON BERLINS REFTEL, REGARDING REINTRODUCTION MILITARY POLICE PATROLS ON AUTOBAHN.

AT TIME MY CONVERSATION GENERAL HAMLETT (BERLIN 689 FEB 12 TO DEPT) I WAS UNAWARE HISTORY MP HIGHWAY PATROLS REPORTED BERLIN 704 TO DEPT FEB 17.

AM FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THESIS WE SHOULD BEGIN NOW "TAKE QUIET PREPARATORY AND PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES OF KIND WHICH WILL NOT CREATE PUBLIC ALARM BUT WHICH WILL BE DETECTABLE BY SOVIET INTELLIGENCE" (DEPTS G-397 FEB 19). ALSO BELIEVE SHOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE TO FULL OUR ACCESS RIGHTS, EVEN BY INCREASING OUR CURRENT TRAFFIC. HOWEVER, SEEMS TO ME THAT IN VIEW OF 1952 RECORD REINTRODUCING MP PATROLS, LIKE ATTEMPTING SEND CLOSED VEHICLES, FALLS INTO DIFFERENT CATEGORY WHERE WE GAIN LITTLE IF WE SUCCEED BUT MAY LOSE GOOD DEAL IF WE FAIL.

SOVIETS SEVEN YEARS AGO FORCED US ABANDON PATROLS (BERLINS 704 TO DEPT) AND IT SEEMS LIKELY, IN LIGHT CRITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES

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EXISTING TODAY, ATTEMPT INTRODUCE NEW ELEMENT INTO BERLIN TRAFFIC
PRACTICALLY CERTAIN TO BE REBUFFED.

I SHOULD THINK WE MIGHT MAINTAIN APPEARANCE OF STRENGTH BETTER
BY KEEPING PRESENT TYPE TRAFFIC FLOWING TO MAXIMUM EXTENT
POSSIBLE THAN BY ATTEMPTING REINTRODUCE OTHER TYPES TRAFFIC
ALREADY SPECIFICALLY REJECTED. SUGGEST SUBJECT BE REVIEWED.

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